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Hello,

As part of the public comment period on the Microsoft settlement, may I add my thoughts:

-I use both Macintosh and Windows software. I love using the Macintosh, I loathe using Windows. Windows has succeeded with poor or downright awful products, due to its anticompetitive practices. The situation with Explorer and Netscape is the tip of the iceberg.

-The proposed settlement is entirely inappropriate; as in attempting to punish Microsoft's monopoly power it promotes more monopoly power in one area in which Microsoft currently lags, education.

-Microsoft should be forced to pay a settlement in cash. This could be used any way the justice dept or administrating agency sees fit EXCEPT TO PURCHASE MICROSOFT PRODUCTS!!!

-I believe Microsoft should be split up, at the very least to an operating systems division and an applications division; and that any communications between the two divisions should be open to public scrutiny.

Finally,

-Microsoft deserves to be punished for stealing the Macintosh operating system look and feel, nearly outright, from Apple. This may never happen but it's a glaring example of the massive product theft and anticompetitive practices of Microsoft.

Thanks for your efforts to remedy this situation.

"If you visit all the locations described in this book our advice is more likely to kill you than save your life." - Fielding's Most Dangerous Places
